APPENDIX II [11th March 1961

[Vide answer to starred question No. 748 asked by Sri S. Ramalinga Padayachi at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 11th March 1961, page 115 supra.]

Steps taken towards the prevention and control of Venereal Diseases in Madras State.

(*a*) Participation of the Government Medical Institutions in various exhibitions conducted in the State, so as to educate the public on the evils of the diseases and the need to prevent it ;

(*b*) exhibition at public conveniences of posters explaining the importance of prevention of the diseases ;

(*c*) distribution of hand bills containing necessary information on the diseases to patients seeking treatment in Government Medical Institutions ;

(*d*) establishment of Venereal Diseases Clinics in the District Headquarters Hospitals, in addition to the clinics functioning in the Government General, Government Stanley, Government Women and Children, Government Kasturba Gandhi and Government Royapettah Hospitals at Madras ;

(*e*) conduct of mass serological examinations of special groups of people at exhibitions, beggar homes, Women's Service Home and on patients in the Government Ophthalmic and Mental Hospitals at Madras ;

(*f*) prevention of immoral traffic by enforcing the Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act ;

(*g*) avoidance of promiscuity and prostitution to an appreciable extent by effective implementation of provisions of the Prohibition Act ;

(*h*) enforcement of the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act ;

(*i*) isolation of persons affected by the diseases by admitting them for treatment as in-patients in hospitals till they are free from the infectious stage of the diseases;

(*j*) tracing the source of infection and treatment of sexual as well as non-sexual contacts ; and

(*k*) provision of facilities for diagnosis and treatment at seaports for foreign national seamen engaged in maritime commerce